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Professions, Trades, &c.

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Special Advertisements

who have either or both to give for those as the expense of a vacation change to the general body of the population is concerned, it is much less than it formerly was when, owing to the difficulty of getting about in the colony, our people made summer trips by sea to Hobart and New Zealand. Time and expense were often needlessly consumed in this way, and many persons not always able to afford them, to say nothing of the inconvenience of a sea-trip to those unaccustomed to that mode of travelling. No one need now seek a mountain-snows of New Zealand, for instance, when the mountains can find himself among the midwinter snows of the Cooma district within the compass of a day's comfortable journey by rail. The saving in time and the expense and unhealthiness of long-distance travelling will soon become indubitable enough in themselves to persuade people to move about a little in summer, and so temper the trials of the season.

The Brunswick incident is responsible for a good deal of the attention now being given in Germany to the subject of duelling and the privileges of the military caste in respect. A committee of officers has been appointed by the Emperor to revise the code of military honour which renders duels a matter of obligation for military men in certain cases, and it now appears that the "courts of honour" will be restricted from receiving reports of duels. Officers would have required the parties to submit to the ordeal by combat. The Liberals do not think the reform goes far enough, and during the discussion in the Reichstag demands were made for the dismissal of officers who engaged in duels. What the Emperor's own views are may be gathered from his remark to a meeting of officers the other day, when he said that if they found it obligatory to use the sword in self-defence they should adopt the most effective and dangerous weapon. This was the theory on which the sanguinary Bismarck seems to have acted, and which aroused such strong feeling that it reached Bavaria, where the authorities have largely modified the law in regard to duelling in the army. It is a code of course military States, if not of military despotism, and the military code of honour has always flourished there as an institution. So long as it confined its operations to the army not much harm was likely to come to the outside military caste. But when it came to such a stage that under its code a misunderstanding between an officer and a civilian in a public café can only be re-

moved by the murder of the citizen, it is not to be wondered at if public sentiment begins to stir. The German people find the price a high one to pay for the maintenance of the military tradition, and they naturally seek to bring their country into line with other nations which find the privileges of civil protection incompatible with military discipline. The plans of civilisation on which a nation finds itself has something to do with popular sentiment on this subject. There was a time in England when the *duello* was as popular an institution as it is in Germany now. When a gentleman carried a sword as part of his ordinary equipment, it was but natural that persons should go about spitting their acquaintances "at point of fox" on the most trivial occasion. The military spirit was more general in the community than now, and the soldier was the backbone of every degree of gentility who could pull a trigger or handle a small-sword, and who was acquainted with the code of honour and knew the art of placing his men, had things pretty much his own way, to the disadvantage of the ordinary man. The gallant whose chief interest in life seemed to centre in ombrage or quadrille, or the "nice conduct of a clouded cannon," was quite capable of leaving his dearest friend "quivering on a day in Green Park or Leinster Gardens over the shadow of a misunderstanding in which his honour was concerned. But then every gentleman fought duels on those days. The most famous names in the political world have stood before their opponents in the field, from Fox, and Pitt, and Peel, to Disraeli down to and including the Duke of Wellington. One recalls THackeray's

duels in "Edmond" in this connection, and at the other extreme that duel of fiction in another sense between Tom Moxon and Lord Jernaux, which Byron is his viceroyhood to the laughter of his contemporaries. But France has at all times been the real home of the duellist, though often in the face of the most determined opposition of authority. One French King tried to put an end to three hundred and fifty years ago, when his friend fell by a *rust*—as known in politics and single combat as the *scrap de Jarnac*; and there is a gruesome record of how two of the most famous duellists of their time—one of them belonging to the princely class—died at the hands of a peasant who was lashed by order of Henrietta for engaging in the same gentlemanly pastime. But duelling in France nowadays seems to have degenerated into a very tame affair indeed—something much less serious than the single combats of the German student, and it matters for the comment of cynical humorists like Mark Twain.

If cards of defiance are not delivered and accepted in these days, and if duellists of the Bob Acres type no longer feel that the only course is to stick at their finger-ends when their honour is in jeopardy of defence, that particular development of civilization has removed some highly undesirable abuses. The *Spadaccio* and the chartered bully are no more, the days of *Cassius* and *Rebecca* are over. But we have found out other ways of seeking satisfaction from each other by putting themselves up as marks to be shot at or ridiculed like so many staves. There were many who regretted the checks removed by the abolition of the civil-war civilization has invested

others. So far as England was concerned the custom received its *quintus* when an army regulation cashiered officers who absented or fought duels, besetting them to be decided with by court-martial afterwards. Even at the beginning of the century 'the practice was falling into disfavour in the army, and one of our own best known and most valued colonels of the early days, Dr. HANCOCK, was actually transported to this colony for his share in a duel in India. Tradition tells that the officers stationed here had the habit of making Gordon Island their chosen ground for such occasions, and that they arose. But the best English jurists have always set their faces, from CORNORWARD, against any attempt to make duelling tolerable by a theory of its legality, and such writers as LEY and BENTHAM gravely approved it down. It requires something like the Brussewitz incident in these days to help us to realise that duelling was over a serious business, for from that article of the code of honour that made duelling between officers a matter of course there was practitioners; but one step to the assassination of those who could not claim the privilege of defending themselves. Duelling may be said to have gone out with the pedestal

COUNTRY NEWS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

THE PREMIER'S VISIT TO THE NORTH-WEST.

NARRABRI, Friday.
Mr. Collins, M.L.A., who interviewed the Premier in regard to his proposed visit to the North-West district, says that the Premier is expected to visit the district on the 10th inst. and will probably accompany the Minister for Lands and Agriculture on the occasion of the opening of the Narrabri-Mulgo railway line in January next.

PROPOSED LIVERPOOL TO MULGO RAILWAY.

LIVERPOOL, Friday.
The Mayor has received a communication from the Liverpool & Mulgo Railway Co., Ltd., stating that the proposed railway line from Liverpool to Mulgo is now being surveyed, and that the line will be about 10 miles long, and will be a great benefit to the district.

THE SUGAR INDUSTRY.

MACLEAN, Friday.
A small millinery export business, which has been in operation for some time, has been closed down, and the millinery goods have been sold at a loss.

SHOCKING CASE OF SUICIDE.

GOULBURN, Friday.
A woman named Mrs. J. W. W. was found dead in her room at the Goulburn Hotel, and it was found that she had committed suicide by taking an overdose of poison.

THE SOUTH MINE ACCIDENT RELIEF FUND.

BROKEN HILL, Friday.
The trustees of the South Mine Accident Relief Fund have received a donation of £100 from the Broken Hill Mining Co., Ltd., and the fund is now £1,000.

THE DISAPPEARANCE OF CAPTAIN WELLS.

SPRINGWOOD, Friday.
The search party for Captain Wells, who disappeared on the 10th inst., has been unsuccessful, and it is feared that he may have been killed.

RIVER REPORTS.

BOURKE, Friday.
The following river reports were received: The Darling is at 100 ft. at Bourke; the Murrumbidgee is at 100 ft. at Murrumbidgee; the Macintyre is at 100 ft. at Macintyre.

NEWCASTLE ABATTOIRS CONFERENCE.

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A conference of the Newcastle Abattoirs was held on the 27th inst., and the following resolutions were passed: That the abattoirs be kept clean and sanitary; that the meat be of good quality; that the butchers be paid a fair price for their services.

BROKEN HILL, Friday.

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The Bank of England return this week shows the measure noted for several weeks past has

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Marine City was offered at \$100,000. The owner left the house to the city. The city will use the house as a museum and modernize it. The house was built in 1880 and was used as a residence. The house is a two-story house with a porch. The house is a good example of a Victorian house. The house is a good example of a Victorian house. The house is a good example of a Victorian house.

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for another forward movement of quite a size. How far this sanguine feeling is shared by actual occurrences in the latest messages from London, we will not now proceed. All messages agree that advance does not exceed 5 per cent., and, though mentioning that the operation is "not a success," they do not say of any further improvement. Next mentions both in London and in Australia watched with the keenest interest few have been able to see. The most important portions of the following clip which has been realized in London on 26th instant (copy of note, viz.—) *Messenger*, 26d: "The market has been very quiet, and the price of gold has been very low." *Reg.*, 26d; *Gleaner*, 26d; *G. R. R.*, 26d.

